



THE GREATEST GIFT OF LOVE

by Rick Warren — May 26, 2015 (From Church Press Newsletter)

“Give special attention to those who are in the family of believers.” (Galatians 6:10 NCV)



The Bible says in Galatians 6:10, “Give special attention to those who are in the family of believers” (NCV). So why do people in the family of God get special attention? Because whatever you pay attention to is going to grow. If I pay attention to my garden, it’s going to grow. If I pay attention to my kids, they’re going to grow. If I pay attention to my marriage, it’s going to grow. If I pay attention to my work, it’s going to grow.

What is the greatest gift of love? It’s not diamonds, flowers, or chocolate. The greatest gift of love you can give is focused attention. You can affirm people just by looking them in the eye, which essentially tells them, “I value you. What you have to say is important to me because you matter to me.” What people want more than anything else is focused attention. They want to know that their thoughts matter, that their lives matter, that they are valuable.

The essence of relationships is not what we do for each other or what we give to each other. The essence of relationships is how much of ourselves we give to each other. I can’t tell you how many men I’ve talked to who said, “I don’t understand it. I provide everything my family needs. I give my wife everything she needs. I give my kids everything they need. What more do they want?” They want you! They want your time. They want your attention. They want your focus. They want to know that you think they matter. Nothing can replace time. Kids don’t need things; they need time. Marriages need time and friendships need time and small groups need time.

This weekend, look for opportunities to show attention to the people in your life. That is the greatest gift of love you can give! But don’t just wait for it to happen; make opportunities to show attention. If you have to put it in your schedule, do it. If you have to give up Netflix time, do it. If it means putting off housework, do it. If you have to make sacrifices, do it. Do whatever you need to do to give your relationships attention. It is essential to their growth!

Talk It Over

- What kind of attention do you think God wants you to give to people outside the family of believers?
- How can you practice giving more attention and focus to the time that you spend with people?
- What are the things that take time away from growing your relationships?



A WAY TO WITNESS

The Outreach Committee has purchased beautiful blue grocery or tote bags with the church's information printed on each one. This is a wonderful way to witness to the community when you are at the grocery store, Target, beach, picnics or wherever you go.

There will be an Outreach Presentation at the congregational meeting on Sunday, August 6th, where the bags will be available. We hope you will be excited about them by donating \$3.00 to cover the cost of your bag and another one for our outreach efforts. (The bags cost us \$1.50.)

We will use them as welcome gifts to new home buyers in our community, including Sunny mead Ranch. We will also give them to the parents of our school as appreciation gifts. This will be a way to welcome them and let them know about our church.

We have a wonderful place to worship God and outreach to our community. We are happy for your support. Thanks!

-- the Outreach Committee





QUILTING FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

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A Warm Hello to Everyone from the Quilters!

We only have two and a half months before we break for the winter season and we are working hard to complete the projects we have going. Time has gotten away from us.

We want to give thanks to Janet Riccardi for the baby items she has been kind enough to send us and a big thank you to Gary and Karen Palmer for the large load of batting. We sure do appreciate all your donations. Thanks also to our secret angel for the material cut outs.

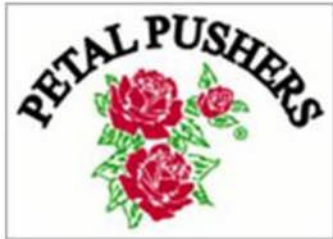
If you would like to come help us or just stop by and see us at work, stop by the fellowship hall on the 4th Saturday of each month (except in October - 2nd Saturday, and no meetings in November and December). We love to have visitors and help. If you want more information please call Linda Olson at 276-0373 . Thank you all very much and may the good Lord richly bless each of you.

SCRIP UPDATE



Scrip will be ordered on the 2nd and 4th Sundays only, until further notice. The turn around will be the same. Scrip is a wonderful way to plan a budget, help the church and plan for holidays and special days in your family's future. You can buy scrip to help the 'Apple Tree' when they return to school. Thank you to all who have been ordering and for your support.

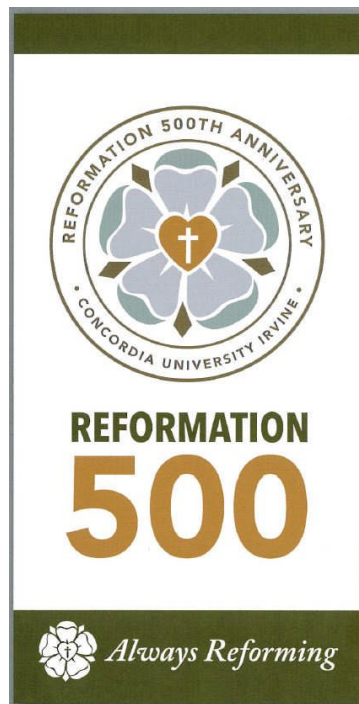
--Karen Rice, Scrip Coordinator



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Decorate Tournament of Roses Parade floats! Participants include youths 13 years or older, seniors well into their nineties plus all types of groups. The Lutheran Hour Ministries float, the only Christian float in the parade, is entitled: Bringing Christ to the Nations. Sign up at www.lhm.org

Outreach Booth Volunteers will distribute materials describing the huge difference Jesus can make in the life of every person in the world. There are many opportunities to witness one's faith before, during and after the parade. For information regarding how to become a Petal Pusher® Outreach Booth Volunteer, contact Ed Stelling at kuwaa513@att.net.



REFORMATION 500 - AN EVENING OF WORD AND SONG

will be held on
Wednesday, November 1,
7:00 pm at Concordia's
Segerstom Concert Hall in Irvine.

Concordia's choirs, handbells and orchestras join with musicians from area churches and schools in a 500-member music ensemble to lead festive hymns, choruses, and sacred music around the themes of Scripture Alone, Grace Alone, Faith Alone and Christ Alone.

Theologians from Christ College will share what it means to be Always Reforming as we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

Tickets available soon at cui.edu/Reformation500.

LET THE NEW YEAR BEGIN!

Back To School



It's hard to believe but the new school year begins August 9th. The summer has been so much fun for the children. We have been starting each day walking laps for the "100 Lap" club. It has amazed me at how well the children did with most of them completing the 100 laps or more. We enjoyed special guest teachers for tumbling, dance and soccer during the summer and the children loved it. Our last week of summer program is the week of July 31 – August 4 and we plan to make it an exciting week of games and activities.

Parent orientation is August 8th at 6:30 pm in the church and school rooms with classes starting August 9th. Our enrollment is looking great and the classes are almost full. We still have space for the 2 & 3 year olds as well as school age daycare. If you know anyone looking for a great preschool, please send them our way.

We also need to hire two staff members for the afternoons from 2:00 – 6:00 pm, Monday thru Friday. These teachers will be for the K4 students and the school-age daycare. If you or anyone you know is looking for a fun part-time position please call the school or come in to see me.

Please continue to pray for our school and that God will fill our classrooms with His little ones. Have a blessed August.

Linda Williamson, Director

JOIN US FOR THE DAY ON LABOR DAY WEEKEND

A few families from church have secured sites for camping at Heart Bar camp grounds in Barton Flats. We'd like to invite anyone who would like to come up for the afternoon on

Sunday, September 3rd

and have a meal together at one of the sites. If you are interested, just bring chairs and a meal for your family and we can eat, have fellowship time, do a devotion, and if there are enough voices, sing some songs. There is nice hiking in the area, and it is nice for bike riding.



There are still a couple of sites available if you'd like to plan on camping. Go to www.reserveamerica.com and enter Heart Bar Campground. Select the Grinnell Loop and make your reservation for the weekend which starts Friday, September 1.

If you have questions, call John or Marlayna Hamann at 951-924-2920.

LIMITED TIME OFFER! ORDER BY AUGUST 13TH



Reformation 500th Anniversary t-shirts are available for purchase in either women's or men's styles. See samples in the church lobby. These were designed by James Wilson (son of Jim & Jill) for his church in Redlands and they are making them available to us and the cost per shirt is \$15. They don't have any church name on them.

If you are interested in getting one, pick up an order form in the lobby, put your name and phone number on the form, place order form and payment in an envelope and give to an usher or bring to the church office.

Note: the shirts run on the small side and are not refundable.



HOW TO TAME INFLAMMATION

Chronic inflammation is not healthy. It is triggered by the immune system responding to irritants that are found in food or our surroundings. Research has linked it with obesity, metabolic syndrome which I have had for several months, heart disease, type2 diabetes and more.

Food plays a vital role in either treating the inflammation or increasing it's severity. The following foods have anti-inflammatory qualities:

Cherries Salmon Turmeric Avocados Broccoli Tomatoes Spinach.

I have faithfully followed this diet and I am much better. My problem was arthritis. The turmeric has a powerful compound that eases symptoms in almost all inflammation-related conditions. You can cook with it. I drink a fruit smoothie everyday with turmeric added.

Suzy Langhorne
Parish Health Minister

SHOE GIVEAWAY UPDATE

The Outreach Committee is asking for donations of good-used **mens and ladies shoes** that will be made available to seniors at the MV Senior Center in September.



Please bring your good-used mens and ladies shoes to the hall the week of **August 27th to September 3rd**.

Any questions contact Eunice Kang (951-500-3835) or Janet Gasco (951-924-4588). Thanks for your support!

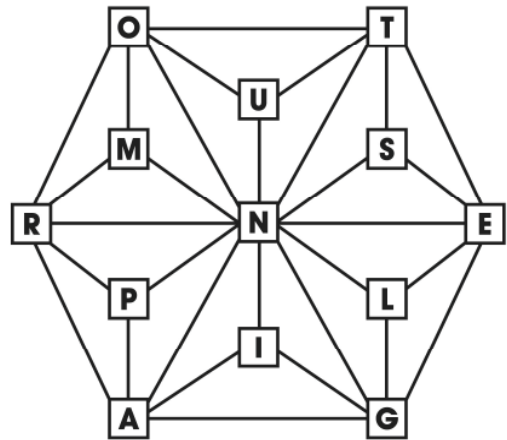


A prayer shawl is designed to provide care and comfort. It serves as a cozy reminder to those in need that they are supported in prayer and always wrapped in God's love. Our small group at Shepherd is off to a great start – we have already made 10 shawls which have been given to members of our church family.

If you knit, crochet or you would like to learn, please join us. We meet at 10:00 A.M. on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month, in the church office. Please see Lisa Butterfield or Kathy Muckala if you have any questions.

Puzzle!

Try to spell as many words as possible. Start anywhere and move along the connecting lines. Don't skip letters; for example, you can't form *must* because to get from *m* to *u* you'd need to skip either *o* or *n*. You may return to use the same letter twice, as when you form *noun*, but you can't use the same letter twice in a row.



4-letter words: _____

5-letter words: _____

Words with 6 or more letters: _____

Answers include: 4-letter words: gain, pain, lens, mote, page, nuts, nest, sent, ran, rain, pant, 5-letter words: giant, paint, tents, notes, stone, stout, motor, mount, longer words: morning, routes, giants, mounts, promote, raging.

2017 FLOWER CHART

If you'd like to donate flowers for the altar, sign up on the board hanging in the church lobby. Indicate what the flowers are for - anniversary, birthday, in honor of or in memory. Take a slip with ordering instructions. Flowers are ordered by you from Moreno Valley Flower Box (653-3171) and they deliver them to church. Each large bouquet is \$26. Small altar bouquets are \$19 each. Questions? Call the office.



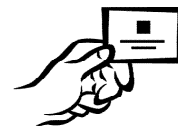
Joseph Project - Community (Citywide) Food Bank

Shepherd is working with other churches in Moreno Valley with this community food bank that provides food for the needy every Thursday from a distribution center at the Koinonia Evangelistic Center, 21866 Brill Rd., Moreno Valley (951-867-3050). Volunteers are needed to help out with distribution, sorting, clean up, etc. at the center. Contributions to the Joseph Project will be gratefully accepted through Shepherd. Please pray for this ministry and volunteer your time and talents! Contact Larry Alexander for more information.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS:



Thrivent members are eligible to designate Choice Dollars to a church or charity of their choice. Undesignated dollars "expire" after March 31. Go to thrivent.com and click the MyThrivent button on the upper right side of the site and direct your Choice Dollars. Both the church and school are registered to receive Choice Dollars and Shepherd is grateful to those who have contributed through this program.



INVITE OTHERS TO OUR CHURCH AND SCHOOL!

SVLC business cards are available (in packets of 10) in a basket in the church lobby. Take a pack and pass them out to strangers, friends and neighbors who need a church home or a preschool for their children.

**NEEDED FOR NURSING HOMES:
Magazines and greeting card fronts.
Bring to the church or office.**

THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT BOUTIQUE

Is scheduled for
Saturday, November 18th
from 8 am to 2 pm.

Start making your craft items now.
Plan what delicious baked goods you will make and donate closer to the event. Any questions, call the office.



**DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR FOOD DONATIONS FOR OUR LOCAL FOOD BANKS EACH SUNDAY!
Thank You!**



**Thursdays at 9:30 AM
In the Fellowship Hall
Presented by Suzy Langhorne
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Please join us - it's free!**

SAVE BOX TOPS FOR OUR SCHOOL!



Specially marked box tops are worth \$.10 each when redeemed from Box Tops for Education. Encourage friends & family, near & far to help, too. Thanks for taking the time to help our school.

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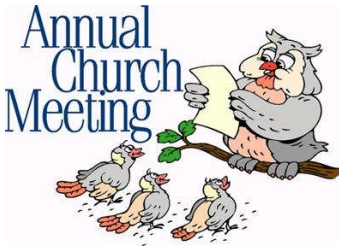

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August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Annual Church Meeting</p>		<p>1</p> <p>6:00 PM School Board Meeting (O)</p> <p>6:00 PM Troop 210 Meeting (H)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00 AM Outreach Committee (O)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00 AM Braille Mail (H)</p> <p>9:30 AM Tai Chi (H)</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:30 AM Cursillo Grouping @ Panera Bread</p> <p>10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (O)</p>
<p>6</p> <p>9:30 AM Adult Bible Study (H)</p> <p>12:00 PM Annual Congregational Assembly (H)</p> <p>12:30 PM Grace Korean (S-H)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:00 AM School Closed - Teacher Prep Day</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8:00 AM School Closed - Teacher Prep Day</p> <p>6:00 PM Parent Orientation (S-PS)</p> <p>7:00 PM Lay Minister Meeting (O)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>School Resumes</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00 AM BrailleMail(H)</p> <p>9:30 AM Tai Chi (H)</p> <p>7:00 PM Growing in Grace Bible Study (H)</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <p>9:30 AM Adult Bible Study (H)</p> <p>9:30 AM Blood Pressure Screening (H)</p> <p>12:30 PM Grace Korean (S-H)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00 AM Women's Koffee Klatch @ Brandon's</p> <p>6:00 PM School Staff Meeting (O)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:00 PM M & M Board (O)</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:30 AM Tai Chi (H)</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (O)</p>
<p>20</p> <p>9:30 AM Adult Bible Study (H)</p> <p>12:30 PM Grace Korean (S-H)</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:00 AM BrailleMail(H)</p> <p>9:30 AM Tai Chi (H)</p> <p>7:00 PM Growing in Grace Bible Study (H)</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:30 AM Men's Breakfast at Brandon's</p> <p>9:00 AM Quilting for LWR (H)</p>
<p>27</p> <p>9:30 AM Adult Bible Study (H)</p> <p>9:30 AM Blood Pressure Screening (H)</p> <p>12:30 PM Grace Korean (S-H)</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:30 AM Tai Chi (H)</p>	 <p><i>Now in Session!</i></p>	

Sunday Worship: 8 AM and 10:45 AM

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 am -- 5:00 pm, MONDAY - FRIDAY



The Shepherd's Staff

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"Preach the Gospel at all times. If necessary, use words." — Francis of Assisi

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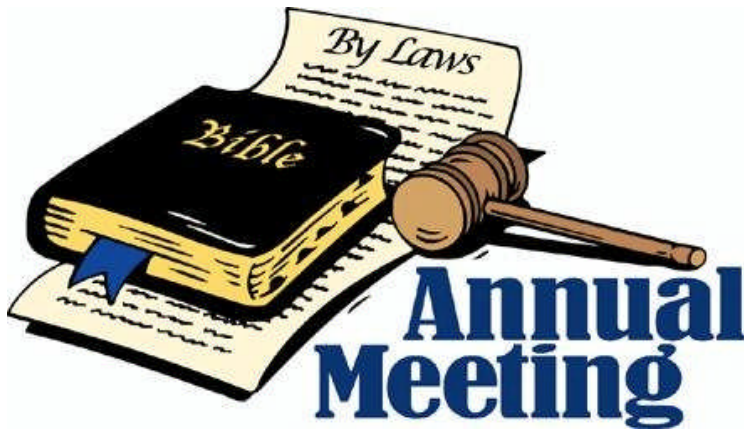
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August 2017

**Annual
Congregational
Assembly**

**Sunday, August 6th
at Noon**

**following the 10:45 service.
Ice cream will be served before
the meeting.**



On the agenda:

**2017-2018 Church & School Budgets
Board Member Elections
Outreach Committee Presentation**

**All voting members
please plan to attend!**